

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2017-47-E - ORDER NO. 2020-368

JUNE 3, 2020

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| IN RE: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Application |) | ORDER APPROVING |
| for a Certificate of Public Convenience and |) | AMENDMENTS TO |
| Necessity for the Provision of Steam (Heat) |) | DOCUMENTS |
| Service and for Approval of a Contract with |) | |
| Clemson University |) | |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) on the proposed amendment by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”) and Clemson University (“Clemson”) of the Steam Supply and Purchase Agreement and the Ground Lease and Easement Agreement previously approved by Commission Order No. 2017-453.

The Commission reviewed the Company’s Application and granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) for the sale of steam to Clemson in this docket in Order No. 2017-453 on July 18, 2017. Commission Order No. 2017-453 also approved the Steam Supply and Purchase Agreement, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the steam supply and electrical islanding capabilities from DEC to Clemson. Pursuant to the Steam Supply and Purchase Agreement, all thermal energy recovered from the process of power generation at the Combined Heat and Power Generating Facility (“CHP Facility”) will be sold to Clemson to meet its thermal energy requirements. The Steam Supply and Purchase Agreement also provides that Clemson will purchase steam for thirty-five years, beginning on the Commercial Operational Date.

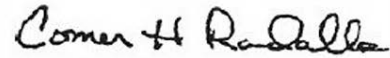
As set forth in the Application, revenues received from the sale of steam will be credited back to DEC's electric customers.

Due to a delay in construction of the steam interconnection facilities to enable the receipt of steam from the CHP Facility, Clemson was unable to receive steam by the Commercial Operational Date, which was December 31, 2019. Accordingly, Clemson and DEC have amended the Steam Supply and Purchase Agreement and the Ground Lease and Easement Agreement to provide that Clemson will purchase steam for a period of thirty-five years beginning on the earlier occurrence of (i) June 30, 2020, or (ii) when Clemson's steam interconnection facilities are completed and operational. The parties request approval of an amendment to the documents approved in Commission Order No. 2017-453 to reflect these new amended agreements.

We have examined this matter and hold that the amendment should be and is hereby approved to both documents. Clearly Clemson was unable to receive steam by the original Commercial Operational Date, which was December 31, 2019, due to a delay in construction of the steam interconnection facilities that would enable the receipt of steam by the CHP Facility. The dates contained in the proposed amendment are reasonable under the circumstances and reflect the amendment to the original documents agreed to by the parties.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Executive Director